

Veteran pastor dies

Father Henry T. Imbus, 83, former teacher, army chaplain and pastor of various parishes throughout the archdiocese who celebrated his golden anniversary to the priesthood last May, died suddenly at his residence in Anderson Township Nov. 7.

Mass of Christian burial was concelebrated by Archbishop-designate Daniel E. Pilarczyk Thursday, Nov. 11, at St. Margaret of Cortona Church.

A native Cincinnati, Father Imbus attended St. Xavier High School and went on to earn a degree at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He prepared for the priesthood with studies at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana, and St. Gregory and Mount St. Mary Seminaries.

He was ordained to the priesthood May 21, 1932 by Archbishop John T. McNicholas.

His first assignment was as a teacher at Elder High School and as an associate at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Cincinnati. From 1937 to 1942 he served as an associate at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Aloysius (Delhi), Cincinnati, and Sts. Peter and Paul, Reading. In 1942 he enlisted as a chaplain in the U.S. Army, where he served until 1946.

Upon returning to parish work in 1946, Father Imbus was assigned as administrator of St. John's, West Chester. After



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studying at Catholic University in Washington in 1947, he returned to the faculty at Elder and served at St. James', White Oak, in 1947. He then was named administrator of St. Michael's, Mechanicsburg, and its mission church in North Lewisburg in 1948.

Father Imbus served as pastor at St. Mary's, Hillsboro, in 1950; St. Columban's, Loveland, 1952; and St. Margaret of Cortona, 1955. In 1963 he was appointed pastor at Nativity in Cincinnati, where he served until his retirement in 1974.

He is survived by three sisters, Lillian Imbus, Stephanie Brooks and Loretta Motz, all of Cincinnati; and 30 nieces and nephews.

The Catholic Telegraph Register printed this tribute to Father Henry Imbus in November, 1982.

tor. Their participation continues, as the event has become an annual feature of Archdiocesan Music Festivals.

Father Andres is assisted these days by a visiting priest, as well. Father Timothy Schehr, Professor at The Athenaeum, alternates with Father Andres at Sunday Masses. Young "Father Tim," too, has captured the affection of the congregation. An Old Testament scholar, his homilies, rich with the background of the lives and times of the ancient scripture, melt away centuries and make these events seem clear and familiar.



Father Joseph Andres

Batavia pastor marks 40 years

By Katherine E. West

The Rev. Joseph Andres will celebrate 40 years in the priesthood Sunday, Feb. 28, with a Mass at Holy Trinity Church in Batavia.

Father Andres was ordained in 1948 and spent his first six years as an associate in Cincinnati parishes.

In 1953, Father Andres said he became the pastor of St. Patrick's in Fayetteville and the administrator of Holy Ghost Parish in Vera Cruz as well as St. Michael Parish in Mt. Orab. He said he spent his longest pastorate — 14 years — in Fayetteville.

Father Andres served in three more locations before coming to Holy Trinity in Batavia and St. Philomena in Stoneick Township in 1982.

The priest said he was appointed in 1981 as a Deputy representative of the archbishop. He serves more than five counties in southwestern Ohio.

Part of the responsibilities are taking the archbishop's

place at confirmations, weddings and co-ordinating the parishes of five counties, said Father Andres.

Aside from the usual duties required of a priest, Father Andres is also minister to the Clermont Mercy Hospital, the nursing home and the convalescent.

Throughout his 40 years, Father Andres said he has seen changes in the church. The example, the implementation of Vatican II Council, liturgical celebrations and the closer relationship with the parish council and congregation.

Because of a lack of priests among young men in the parishes, Father Andres said there is a shortage of priests. The church is struggling to the process of restoring the priesthood, requiring a priest to have more than one spouse.

Father Andres said he is grateful to God for the priests who have come and gone in the past 40 years.

He said he hopes the church will continue to grow and

"Father Joe" after Mass on a wintry morning at St. Philomena Church.